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25 WILDWOOD HOAD, 3011 L 204	(No. and Street)		
STAMFORD	СТ	06903	
(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)	
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER JOSEPH ACHENBAUM	OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REC	GARD TO THIS REPORT 203-322-19	933
		(Area Code -	- Telephone Number)
В.	ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICA	ATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNT	ANT whose opinion is contained in the	his Report*	
STEPHEN J SUSSMAN, PLLC CE	ERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT		
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must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2,

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#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, JOSEPH ACHENBAUM	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statemen ACHENBAUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC	nt and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
of AUGUST 31 , 20 04	, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal off	
classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:	
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My Commission Expires	Title
2/28/2009	
Notary Public	
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(c) Statement of Income (Loss).	,
(d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.	
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(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to C	Claims of Creditors.
(g) Computation of Net Capital.	
(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirement	
(i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Red	
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	exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
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<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

# ACHENBAUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUGUST 31, 2004



# STEPHEN J. SUSSMAN

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Members' of Achenbaum Capital Partners, LLC Stamford, CT

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Achenbaum Capital Partners, LLC as of August 31, 2004, and the related statements of income, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Achenbaum Capital Partners, LLC as of August 31, 2004, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I, II, III, and IV, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Stephen J. Sussman, PLLC

Certified Public Accountant

Londonderry, New Hampshire

October 26, 2004

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

# AUGUST 31, 2004

#### **ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	14,877
Due from non-customers		284
Furniture and equipment, at cost less, accumulated depreciation of \$26,618		3,108
Securities owned:		
Not readily marketable, at estimated fair value		297
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	<u>\$</u>	18,566
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities	\$	7,572
Due to officer	· <u>· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · </u>	39
		7,611
Members' equity		10,955
	<u>\$</u>	18,566

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF INCOME

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

Revenues:	
Fee income	\$ 60,000
Unrealized gain/(loss)	(2,178)
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Expenses:	
Communications	\$ 4,676
Interest expense	386
Occupancy	2,828
Other expenses	81,418
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Net income (loss)	\$ (31,486)

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

Members' equity at beginning of year \$	35,246
Members' withdrawals during the year	(7,305)
Members' contributions during the year	14,500
Net income (loss)	31,486)
Members' equity at end of year	10,955

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)		\$ (31,486)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss		
to net cash used by operating activities:		
Depreciation	\$ 2,768	
Unrealized loss	2,178	
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Decrease in due from non-customers	1,729	
Decrease in due from officer	1,395	
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Decrease in accounts payable, accrued expenses	(4,442)	
Increase in due to officer	39	
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Total adjustments		3,667
Net cash used by operating activities		(27,819)
		(27,015)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Members' contributions	14,500	
Members' withdrawals	(7,305)	7,195
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Cash flows from financing activities:		
Purchase of fixed assets		(1,044)
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Net decrease in cash		(21,668)
Cash at beginning of the year		36,545
Cash at end of the year		¢ 14077
Cash at end of the year		\$ 14,877
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash paid during the year for:		
Interest		\$ 386
Income taxes		<b>\$</b> 310

Disclosure of accounting policy:

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **AUGUST 31, 2004**

#### NOTE 1- SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Organization and Nature of Business

The Company was organized on November 11, 1996 as a Connecticut Limited Liability Company to conduct business as a registered broker-dealer under the Securities Act of 1934. As a Limited Liability Company the members' liability is limited to their investment. It was founded to provide specialized capital raising and investment banking advisory services to mid-sized companies. The term of the company is for 30 years, terminating in December 2026, unless terminated earlier. The term may be extended by amendment of the operating agreement.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Fixed Assets**

Furniture and equipment are being depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, ranging from five to seven years. For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004, depreciation expense was \$2,768.

#### Marketable Equity Securities

Marketable securities are valued at market value, and securities not readily marketable are valued at fair value as determined by management. At August 31, 2004, these securities at fair value consist of the warrants valued at \$297. The net change in net unrealized holding gains/losses on trading equity securities in the amount of \$2,178 has been charged to earnings for the period ended August 31, 2004.

#### Organizational Structure

The Company has been organized as a Limited Liability Company. Under this form of organization, the members' are not liable for the debts of the Company.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### AUGUST 31, 2004

#### NOTE 2- NET CAPITAL

As a broker dealer, the Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's regulations and operating guidelines, which require the Company to maintain a specified amount of net capital as defined, and a ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital as derived, not exceeding 15 to 1. The Company's net capital as computed under Rule 15c3-1, was \$7,266 at August 31, 2004, which exceeded required net capital of \$5,000 by \$2,266. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital at August 31, 2004 was 104.7%.

#### NOTE 3- INCOME TAXES

The Company has chosen to be treated as a partnership for federal and state income tax purposes. A partnership is not a taxpaying entity for federal or state income tax purposes. Accordingly, no income tax expense has been recorded in the statements. All income or losses will be reported on the individual members' income tax returns.

# ACHENBAUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

# SCHEDULE I

# COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS AND NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1

# **AUGUST 31, 2004**

Total ownership equity from statement of financial condition	\$	10,955
Total nonallowable assets from statement of financial condition		(3,689)
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions		7,266
Haircuts on securities		
Net capital	-\$	7,266
Aggregate indebtedness:		
Total A.I. liabilities from statement of financial condition	\$	7,611
Total aggregate indebtedness	\$	7,611
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		104.7%
Computation of basic net capital requirement:	æ	507
Minimum net capital required (6-2/3% of A.I.)	<u>\$</u>	507
Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer	\$	5,000
Net capital requirement		5,000
Excess net capital	\$	2,266
Excess net capital at 1000%	\$	6,505

# RECONCILIATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1 (X-17A-5) AT AUGUST 31, 2004

# SCHEDULE I (CONTINUED)

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COMPUTATION OF NET CAPIT	AL					
Total ownership equity from statement of financial condition	\$	17,875	\$	(6,920)	<b>.</b>	10,955
Deductions and/or charges: Total nonallowable assets						
from statement of financial condition  Haircuts on securities		10,810 -		(7,121)		3,689
Total deductions		10,810		(7,121)		3,689
Net capital	\$	7,065	\$	201	\$	7,266

#### **SCHEDULE II**

#### ACHENBAUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC

# INFORMATION RELATING TO POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3

# **AUGUST 31, 2004**

The Company had no items reportable as customers' fully paid securities: (1) not in the Company's possession or control as of the audit date (for which instructions to reduce to possession or control had been issued as of the audit date) but for which the required action was not taken by the Company within the timeframes specified under Rule 15c3-3 or (2) for which instructions to reduce to possession or control had not been issued as of the audit date, excluding items arising from "temporary lags which result from normal business operations" as permitted under Rule 15c3-3.

#### SCHEDULE III

# ACHENBAUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC

## SCHEDULE OF SEGREGATION REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDS IN SEGREGATION FOR CUSTOMERS' REGULATED COMMODITY FUTURES AND OPTION ACCOUNTS

# **AUGUST 31, 2004**

The Company claims exemption from the segregation requirements of the Commodities Futures Act since it has no commodity customers as the term is defined in Regulation 1.3(k).

#### **SCHEDULE IV**

#### ACHENBAUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC

#### COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKER/DEALER UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

## **AUGUST 31, 2004**

Achenbaum Capital Partners, LLC, is exempt from the reserve requirements of Rule 15c3-3 as its transactions are limited, such that they do not handle customer funds or securities, accordingly, the computation for determination of reserve requirements pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 and information relating to the possession or control requirement pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 are not applicable.

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# Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Structure Required by SEC Rule 17a-5

Members' of Achenbaum Capital Partners, LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Achenbaum Capital Partners, LLC (the Company), for the year ended August 31, 2004, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
- 2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls, and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, our study and evaluation disclosed that a lack of segregation of function exists. Although this condition may be considered to be a material weakness in internal control, it is a common condition in entities of this size. This condition was considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of the procedures to be performed in our audit of the financial statements of Achenbaum Capital Partners, LLC for the year ended August 31, 2004 and this report does not effect our report thereon dated October 26, 2004.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at August 31, 2004, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers Regulation, Inc., and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Stephen J. Sussman, PLLC

Certified Public Accountant

Londonderry, New Hampshire

October 26, 2004